



## COVID-19 PANDEMIC – PHASE 2 & SPECIAL OLYMPICS MANITOBA

**Jennifer Campbell, CEO**  
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As our province continues moving through the process of reopening, I wanted to check in once again and share with you how Special Olympics Manitoba will be approaching the resumption of programs and activities. But first, I would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation over these last 11 weeks, I know it has been challenging. As we start the steps to open, I want to assure you that we are committed to working with all our stakeholders to ensure everyone's health and safety.

To begin, all community weekly training and competitions, as well as fundraising events, will remain suspended through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Looking beyond June 30<sup>th</sup>:

- Sanctioned Special Olympics Manitoba programs/activities will require back to play protocols that have been approved by Sport Manitoba.
- Only programs/activities sanctioned by Special Olympics Manitoba will be permitted to resume.
- Protocols are being developed in conjunction with other Special Olympics chapters across the country, as well as our provincial sport partners.

Summer programming is being considered on a restricted basis. *More information will follow over the coming weeks.* Competitions remain suspended until further notice.

Virtual programs and competitions will be permanent additions to what we offer; allowing those that are not ready to come back when programs resume an opportunity to still participate.

Some Special Olympics Manitoba fundraising events are planned for August and September; although limited in scope, we are hopeful they will generate much needed revenue to assist in the losses we have experienced this spring.

If you would like to support Special Olympics Manitoba by participating in one of our fundraising events or by becoming a donor, please visit our website at [www.specialolympics.mb.ca](http://www.specialolympics.mb.ca).

Our provincial office remains closed; however, the staff continue to work remotely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jcampbell@specialolympics.mb.ca](mailto:jcampbell@specialolympics.mb.ca) or 204-781-6404. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Campbell".

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